



## **Solicitation Information**

**March 31, 2016**

**Addendum #1**

**RFP # 7550420**

**TITLE: Rhode Island 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Statewide Evaluation**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 15, 2016 at 2:00 PM (ET)**

**Below are vendor questions with State responses. No further questions will be answered.**

**Gail Walsh**

**Chief Buyer**

Vendor A

1. Who will be represented on the selection and review committee Learning Centers Statewide Evaluation

**Answer: The review team will consist of Rhode Island Department of Education personnel with experience or expertise in research and evaluation, out of school time programming, and youth development.**

2. Should we present a budget for the two option years, or only for FY 2017-2019?

**Answer: The budget for the option years is not necessary at this time.**

3. How many cohorts are represented in the current 39 grants? Is there a new round of 5-year grant awards made each year?

**Answer: There are 7 cohorts of grants, currently in years 13, 12, 12, 9, 7, 4, and 3 (cohorts 1-5 have received more than one consecutive 5-year grant). New 5-year grants awards are made only when additional funding is available. If funding continues near current levels, it is anticipated that there will be new competitions each of the next three years (i.e. for grants starting July of 2017, 2018 and 2019).**

4. Have grantees continued to administer the SAYO-Y administered by AIR in 2014??

**Answer: A few subgrantees have administered it for their own purposes, but there has been no statewide administration of SAYO-Y since then.**

Vendor B

1. RFP Pg. 13. States the following: *Proposals (an original and 4 copies)*.
  - a. Can you clarify if we are to provide 1 original and 4 hard copies for both the technical and cost proposals?

**Answer: Yes, one original and 4 hard copies for both the technical and cost proposals**

2. RFP Pg. 3. States the following: *Also, Submitters should be aware of the State's MBE requirements, which addresses the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State Procurements.*

- a. There is no other mention of an MBE requirement in the RFP. Can you clarify if this solicitation requires that we include a MBE with our bid?

- b. If a MBE is mandatory, is there an option to show Good Faith Efforts if 10% participation is not reached?

**Answer: If there are subcontractor opportunities, there must be a good faith effort to utilize a RI certified MBE. The list of available vendors may be found at [www.mbe.ri.gov](http://www.mbe.ri.gov).**

- 3. RFP Pg. 13. States the following: *The technical proposal must be 15-20 pages in length in addition to a separate cost proposal.*
  - a. Is the bidder form included in the page limitation? **No.**
  - b. Can Resumes be provided in an Appendix? **Yes.**
  - c. Can we provide additional information as to our qualifications/experience in an Appendix or must it all be contained within the 15-20 page limitation? **Yes.**
  - d. Are there any page limitations for the cost proposal? **No, but it must be submitted using the provided forms.**